

**APPENDIX A**  
**EJSG One-page Threshold Eligibility Form**

This form will be used primarily to determine if you meet all the eligibility requirements. You must address the following areas:

- 1) **Applicant Eligibility.** Incorporated non-profit organizations including, but not limited to, environmental justice networks, faith based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions; federally recognized tribal governments; or tribal organizations.....✓

My organization is located within the same region, territory, commonwealth, or tribe that the proposed project will be located (identify).....✓

In addition, eligible applicants must demonstrate that they have worked directly with the affected community.

The following entities are **INELIGIBLE** to receive a grant. However, we encourage partnerships with these organizations for technical assistance:

- colleges and universities;
- hospitals;
- state and local governments and their entities;
- quasi-governmental entities (e.g., water districts, utilities)\*;
- national organizations and chapters of the aforementioned organizations\*\*;
- non-profit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995;\*\*\* and
- Organizations acting only as "fiscal agents"
- \* Generally, a quasi-governmental entity is one that: (1) has a close association with the government agency, but is not considered a part of the government agency; (2) was created by the government agency, but is exempt from certain legal and administrative requirements imposed on government agencies; or (3) was not created by the government agency but performs a public purpose and is significantly supported financially by the government agency.
- \*\* National organizations are defined as comprising of one centralized headquarters or principal place of business that creates and controls the mission, structure and work carried out by its chapters or affiliates.
- \*\*\* Funds awarded under this announcement may not be used to support lobbying activities or any activities related to lobbying or the appearance thereof.

- 2) **Qualified Environmental Statutes.** Below is a list of qualified environmental statutes. Each project, **including projects addressing community climate resiliency**, must include activities related to **at least one** of the Qualified Environmental Statutes listed under Section I.C. Any failure to clearly and conclusively identify and cite at least one of the federal statutes in your work plan may result in your project not being considered for award.

- Clean Water Act, Section 104(b) (3).....☒
- Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1442(b)(3).....☒
- Solid Waste Disposal Act, Section 8001(a) .....☐
- Clean Air Act, Section 103(b) (3).....☒
- Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 10(a).....☒
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Section 20(a) .....☐
- Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 203 .....☐

- 3) **Eligible Activities.** The project must carry out eligible activities under one of the above referenced environmental statutes. Explain how the project is tied to the local environmental, public health and community climate resiliency (if applicable) issue in the affected community (see Section I. C).

**Proposed projects must not be used for the purposes of routine program implementation, implementation of routine environmental protection restoration measures, or completion of work which was to have been completed under a prior grant.....** ☒

- 4) **Required Documents.** Use this checklist to ensure that you have submitted all required documents.

- EJSG One-Page Threshold Eligibility Form.....☒
- SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance (Form in Appendix B).....☐
- Key Contacts Form (Form in Appendix C).....☒
- Work plan (Optional template in Appendix D).....☒
- Detailed Budget (Template and example in Appendices E and F).....☒
- Performance Measures (Template and example in Appendices G and H).....☐
- Resumes of the PM and Other Key Personnel.....☒
- Quality Assurance Project Plan Questionnaire (Appendix I) .....☒
- Proof of Nonprofit Status .....☒

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424****\* 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication  
☒ Application  
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

**\* 2. Type of Application:**

- ☒ New  
☐ Continuation  
☐ Revision

**\* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):****\* Other (Specify):****\* 3. Date Received:****4. Applicant Identifier:****5a. Federal Entity Identifier:****5b. Federal Award Identifier:****State Use Only:****6. Date Received by State:****7. State Application Identifier:****8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:****\* a. Legal Name:** Childhood Lead Action Project, Inc.**\* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

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**\* c. Organizational DUNS:****d. Address:****\* Street1:** 1192 Westminster Street**Street2:****\* City:** Providence**County/Parish:** Providence**\* State:** RI: Rhode Island**Province:****\* Country:** USA: UNITED STATES**\* Zip / Postal Code:** 029091411**e. Organizational Unit:****Department Name:****Division Name:****f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:****Prefix:**

Ms.

**\* First Name:**

Roberta

**Middle Name:****\* Last Name:** Hazen Aaronson**Suffix:****Title:** Executive Director**Organizational Affiliation:**

Childhood Lead Action Project

**\* Telephone Number:** 401-785-1310**Fax Number:** 401-941-8156**\* Email:** roberta@leadsafekids.org

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

M: Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Environmental Protection Agency

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

66.604

CFDA Title:

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

EPA-OECA-OEJ-15-01

\* Title:

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

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**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Lead-Safe Central Falls

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424****16. Congressional Districts Of:**\* a. Applicant \* b. Program/Project 

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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**17. Proposed Project:**\* a. Start Date: \* b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="30,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="30,000.00"/>

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☒ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ \*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Suffix:

\* Title: \* Telephone Number:  Fax Number: \* Email: 

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:



\* Date Signed:

### **Areas Affected by the Project**

The area affected by this project is Central Falls, Rhode Island.

## EPA KEY CONTACTS FORM

**Authorized Representative:** *Original awards and amendments will be sent to this individual for review and acceptance, unless otherwise indicated.*

<b>Name:</b>	Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/>	First Name: <input type="text" value="Roberta"/>	Middle Name: <input type="text"/>
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# EPA KEY CONTACTS FORM

**Project Manager:** *Individual responsible for the technical completion of the proposed work.*

**Name:** Prefix:  First Name:  Middle Name:

Last Name:  Suffix:

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Street2:

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State:

Zip / Postal Code:

Country:

**Phone Number:**

**Fax Number:**

**E-mail Address:**



## **EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants - Childhood Lead Action Project Workplan**

**I. Project Title and Project Purpose Statement:** The goals of our *Lead-Safe Central Falls* project are to work strategically in one of Rhode Island's highest risk communities to reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning by improving housing conditions, and increase the capacity of Central Falls residents to address the lead issue in their local community. The Childhood Lead Action Project (Project) will partner with four organizations - the Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Rhode Island Medical-Legal Partnership, RI Department of Health, and Progreso Latino - in a comprehensive and coordinated effort to have the greatest environmental health impact. This initiative is an effective approach to improve health outcomes for the low-income and minority children at greatest risk for this environmental injustice in Central Falls. This project will take place in Central Falls, Rhode Island, zip code 02863. It will address four environmental statutes: the Clean Air Act [Section 103(b)(3)], Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 14421(3), Toxic Substances Control Act [Section 10(a)] and the Clean Water Act, Section 104(b)(3).

**II. Environmental, Public Health and Community Climate Resiliency (if applicable) information about the Affected Community:** The problem addressed by this proposal is related to unhealthy housing conditions experienced by low-income families in the City of Central Falls, Rhode Island. A high proportion of families with young children (45.5%) are living in poverty in Central Falls. The majority racial/ethnic group in this city is non-white Latinos comprising 60.3% of the population, and 71.2% of its residents speak a language other than English at home (US Census data). Children in poverty all too frequently live in unhealthy housing, and the city of Central Falls is no exception. Children in Central Falls are disproportionately affected by lead poisoning, the major environmental health issue addressed by this proposal. Children continue to be exposed to unhealthy housing conditions largely due to the failure of municipalities to enforce existing housing codes and lead laws.

Despite a significant decline in the incidence of lead poisoning in RI over the last decade, this serious environmental health problem remains one of the most insidious indicators of environmental injustice, disproportionately affecting low-income children in urban neighborhoods. Lead poisoning is not an "equal opportunity disease". It impacts low-income children of color at higher rates than their white suburban counterparts.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) decision in 2012 to lower the threshold for elevated blood lead levels, from 10mcg/dL to 5mcg/dL, means that more children will be identified in need of services in RI. Applying the new threshold, RI Department of Health data shows that from 2005 to 2009, an astounding 20,000 children were exposed to harmful levels of lead. There is a very alarming rate of childhood lead poisoning in Central Falls - 7.1 % of children tested - according to 2013 RI Department of Health data. This is the highest of RI's urban core communities.

Research studying the effects of lead on educational outcomes reveals a strong relationship between even slightly elevated blood lead levels and educational outcomes. McLaine's research in Providence, conducted in 2009, found that reading readiness is adversely affected in kindergarten children with blood lead levels as low as 5mcg/dL (Journal of Pediatrics). A joint study by the RI Department of Health and the Providence Plan found a close relationship between elevated blood lead levels and lower performance on standardized test scores and grade retention. Due to lead exposure in young children, Rhode Island incurred \$17 million in additional special education costs in 2012.

The Childhood Lead Action Project has a successful track record in working collaboratively for lead safe housing in Central Falls. Our recent efforts include working to establish a community coalition in Central Falls to support municipal compliance with state lead laws. Following a multi-year effort in Providence, leading to the City's implementation of the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act and the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP), resulting in a 25% decline in lead poisoning in 2013, the Project has begun similar work in other communities. Led by a parent of a lead poisoned child in Central Falls, we organized a committee of individuals and organizations including Progreso Latino, RI Department of Health (DOH), Blackstone Valley Community Action Program (BVCAP) and the RI Medical-Legal Partnership (RIMLP) to work with city officials to secure compliance with the lead laws. Central Falls city officials made a verbal commitment to begin implementation in April 2014, but additional training and community oversight are needed to ensure full compliance (the efforts described in this proposal will work towards that end). Additionally, our successful **Save RI's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program** legislative initiative in 2013 and 2014 consisted of 80 statewide and local organizations with a number of organizations serving the Central Falls community engaged in the effort, including Progreso Latino, Blackstone Valley Community Action Program (BVCAP), and the RI Coalition for the Homeless.

This affected community will experience extensive benefits from the proposed project, including: a lower incidence of childhood lead poisoning in Central Falls; residents, parents, educators, health professionals, and other community leaders will be more knowledgeable about lead prevention measures, lead resources, and tenant rights; residents and stakeholders engaged in positive action to improve the quality of housing in their local community and an increased supply of lead safe housing in Central Falls and an increase in lead-safe home renovation performed in Central Falls.

**III. Organization's Historical Connection to the Affected Community:** Founded in 1992, the Project is a non-profit organization working to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in Rhode Island through education, parent support and advocacy. The Project is the only organization in the state devoted primarily to this critical issue and has been a catalyst for a significant decline in lead poisoning cases over the last decade. The Project serves as a leading resource for families and agencies seeking information on lead and other healthy housing topics. In recent years, the Project has expanded our outreach and education to address other environmental health and safety issues including asthma triggers, energy conservation resources, and fire and carbon monoxide safety. The organization came together 22 years ago to build support for a comprehensive lead poisoning prevention program in Rhode Island as a means for addressing the (largely ignored) lead poisoning crisis.

Highlights of our community-based outreach initiatives include:

- Educating over 24,000 parents, immigrants and refugees, tenants, health workers, homeowners, and professionals in high-risk communities about lead dangers and resources
- Coordinating lead hazard awareness campaigns in Providence, East Providence and other urban communities through presentations, door-to-door outreach, targeted mailings and lead-safe/healthy homes house parties
- Training over 8,000 people on lead prevention and mitigation through in-person classes and our Lead Hazard Awareness online course. We were one of the first Rhode Island-based organizations to become EPA-certified to offer the Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) class and have trained an estimated 1,200 individuals since that time.

Our Get the Lead Out Coalition (GLOC) - a network of groups and individuals advocating for improved lead policy - defends good laws on the books and pushes for stronger measures by making policy recommendations and being a watchdog for accountability. GLOC is the vehicle through which most of our organizing work is undertaken. We strive vigorously to involve parents and residents directly affected by lead poisoning and support their development as community leaders and voices for change. Through campaigns to grant refugees access to safe housing, working to get local government to enforce lead and safe housing laws and regulations, ensuring that unsafe housing conditions are addressed, and advocating for state funding for lead poisoning prevention, we are reducing the incidence of lead poisoning in the Ocean State and empowering residents and their allies to work for environmental justice in our local communities.

The Project's accomplishments have earned local and national recognition, including a prestigious Children's Environmental Health Excellence Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2005. In 2013, our Executive Director was nominated by the RI Department of Health for the White House's Champions of Change for Public Health and Prevention Award. Last year, our Community Organizer became the first recipient of the Dennis Livingston Memorial Award for Exceptional Organizing from the National Safe and Healthy Housing Coalition.

As mentioned in the previous section, the Project has a solid presence in the Central Falls community. For the last year, GLOC's Up to Code Campaign has worked to establish a community coalition in Central Falls to support municipal compliance with state lead laws. Led by a parent of a lead poisoned child in Central Falls, we organized a committee of individuals and organizations including Progreso Latino, DOH, BVCAP and the RIMLP to work with city officials to secure compliance with the lead laws. When the Project was building support for our Save RI's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program legislative initiative in recent years, we secured the support of 80 statewide and local organizations, including several serving the Central Falls community. Additionally, over the last few years, the Project has begun offering lead poisoning prevention presentations, house parties, and lead-safe work practices training to diverse constituencies in Central Falls, including parents, low-income renters, contractors, property owners, and social service providers.

The results of our coalition building efforts have been impressive. Although lead poisoning remains a serious problem for the state's urban communities, there has been a significant decline of lead poisoning at high blood lead levels over the last decade. The Project's coordination of multi-sector statewide campaigns has generated millions of dollars for this issue, increasing the community's capacity to prevent lead poisoning and remediate lead-contaminated housing. Advocacy on the state level has greatly expanded access to housing inspections, medical treatment, and case management services for families with a lead poisoned child.

Following a very successful multi-year campaign in the capital city of Providence, resulting in a 25% reduction of childhood lead poisoning in 2013, we are now poised to implement a comprehensive approach to childhood lead poisoning prevention in Central Falls. We will do this by deepening our partnerships with organizations serving populations at high-risk for lead poisoning, neighborhood-based outreach that connects people with lead information and resources, and the involvement of local religious, housing, health, and environmental leaders in prior environmental and healthy housing campaigns.



**IV. Project Description:** The goals of our *Lead-Safe Central Falls* project are to work strategically in one of Rhode Island's highest risk communities to reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning by improving housing conditions and increasing the capacity of Central Falls residents to address the lead issue in their local community. The Childhood Lead Action Project will partner with four organizations - the Blackstone Valley Community Action Program (BVCAP), Rhode Island Medical-Legal Partnership (RIMLP), RI Department of Health (DOH), and Progreso Latino - in a comprehensive and coordinated effort to have the greatest environmental health impact.

*Description of the activities the project will undertake during the year to examine and address the environmental and public health issue.*

**1. Providing community-based education on childhood lead poisoning prevention and tenant rights.** Using many of the outreach and education strategies that the Childhood Lead Action Project has developed over the years, the *Lead-Safe Central Falls* project will ensure that families and residents are knowledgeable about the methods for preventing lead poisoning at home and the resources and legal options available to remedy hazardous housing conditions. Effective strategies include *healthy housing parties, lead 101, and tenant rights presentations* at community venues.

a) **House parties** are Tupperware-style events where families and friends gather to learn about lead poisoning prevention, weatherization resources, and fire-safety in an interactive learning environment in neighbors' homes. The Project will recruit hosts, with the assistance of BVCAP and Progreso Latino, and work with them to invite friends and neighbors to a gathering. A community educator will provide practical information on ways to improve the safety of the home and explain the resources available to make this possible. The community educator will also demonstrate the use of lead-safe cleaning methods and other tips for maintaining a lead-safe home, using a low literacy pictorial booklet, when appropriate (developed by the Childhood Lead Action Project) as a handout to support the house party curriculum along with other materials. Referrals will also be made to the weatherization program through BVCAP, one of our partner organizations. A total of four house parties will be conducted in English and Spanish, reaching an estimated 40 individuals. Hosts will receive a stipend for their participation. *Timeframe: Two house parties within the first six months, and two additional parties in the second half of the project.*

b) With assistance from Progreso Latino and BVCAP, the Childhood Lead Action Project will collaborate with local organizations to reach Central Falls residents with a customized lead prevention/healthy homes message at **community presentations**. Targeted groups will likely include church organizations, English Language Learners, adult literacy and GED classes, PTOs, Head Start programs, childcare providers, social service agencies, and mutual aid groups. The community educator will follow a healthy homes curriculum that takes participants through our lead safety pictorial booklet and healthy homes prevention materials developed for other projects. Presentations will also cover critical information on tenant rights topics, such as evictions, housing code violations, and landlord compliance with lead laws. The RIMLP will collaborate on the tenant rights component of presentations conducted in community settings. A total of seven community presentations will be organized, reaching an estimated 150 individuals. *Timeframe: Three presentations within the first six months, and four additional presentations in subsequent months.*

c) This project will bring the lead prevention message to Central Falls residents by staffing **resource tables** at two community events and fairs. Through one-on-one contact with residents, we will have the opportunity to personally distribute lead prevention and healthy homes literature and answer

questions posed by concerned parents. *Timeframe: Resource tables at two events/fairs will be staffed over the course of the one year project period.*

**2. Coordinating a committee of stakeholders living or working in Central Falls to advocate for improved implementation of current laws and regulations in that city.** As the catalyst for most of the lead poisoning prevention initiatives in RI, the Project is well positioned to empower parents and residents, health and human service providers, and environmentalists to become knowledgeable about lead poisoning and engage in action to address this issue in Central Falls.

The scope of the committee's work will be twofold: to work with Central Falls officials to ensure full compliance with Rhode Island's Lead Hazard Mitigation Act (Act) and to promote compliance with RRP requirements for contractors working on pre-1978 residential properties and child-occupied facilities. The Lead Hazard Mitigation Act requires most Rhode Island rental property owners to earn a certificate proving compliance with lead-safety standards and is incorporated into the State's minimum housing code. Although the City of Providence has begun to enforce the law, (e.g. issuing violations to landlords out of compliance), most other municipalities have not done so. (This enforcement is the direct result of our organization's multi-year effort to convince Providence officials to implement the Act and require lead safety compliance for contractors applying for permits to work on older residences). Recently, we initiated similar work in Central Falls; led by a parent of a lead poisoned child, we organized a new committee of individuals and organizations including Progreso Latino, RI Department of Health, BVCAP, and the RI Medical-Legal Partnership to work with City officials to secure compliance with the lead laws. So far, we are encouraged by partial success; Central Falls city officials agreed to enforce the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act beginning in April, 2014. They have made no promises to require RRP compliance, but have not refused to do so. To ensure full compliance with both LHMA and RRP, additional training and community oversight are clearly needed.

The proposed project will build upon this promising groundwork by broadening the committee's membership to include more parents, residents, professionals and educators working with parents at risk for having a lead poisoned child, and other community leaders and activists. Our staff will coordinate with BVCAP providers to identify and recruit parents engaged in in BVCAP's lead center. Through monthly activities including membership meetings, training and leadership activities, we will bring members up to speed on healthy housing issues affecting the local community, develop and refine our strategy for continuing initial collaborative discussions with city officials, and monitor Central Falls' progress in implementing the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act and compliance with RRP. *Timeframe: Within the first two months of the project period, committee membership will be expanded and trained; committee meetings will be held monthly throughout the project's duration; and meetings with city officials will be conducted when appropriate.*

**3. Training contractors and other home renovation and repair professionals to work with lead safely when undertaking projects on pre-1978 residences and child-occupied facilities through Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) training.**

As a counterpart to our work with city officials, the Project will also engage those directly responsible for maintaining lead-safe environments during home and child care facility renovation and repair projects. The EPA's RRP Rule requires that contractors working on pre-1978 residences and child care facilities take an 8 hour lead safe work practices class, properly train their workers, and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. We were one of the first Rhode



Island-based organizations to become EPA-certified to offer the RRP class and have trained an estimated 1,200 individuals since that time. With project funding, we will offer one RRP training to contractors and other individuals engaging in renovation and repair projects on older homes and child-occupied facilities. This will involve outreach to contractors living/working in Central Falls to inform them about the RRP Rule and to promote the training. This course will utilize our extensive, EPA-approved RRP training curriculum and material. The RRP sessions will conclude with a written exam which, if passed, will result in a certification of completion issued by our organization (making participants eligible for a 5 year lead-safe remodeler license from the RI Department of Health). *Timeframe: The RRP training is expected to take place within the first six months of project implementation.*

**4. Providing training and technical assistance to Central Falls building and code enforcement officials on the implementation of the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act and ensuring RRP compliance from contractors seeking permits for renovation projects on pre-1978 residences and child-occupied facilities.**

In conjunction with our committee's efforts, Project staff will offer in-depth training and technical assistance to building and code enforcement officials on matters relating to the Act and RRP Rule. The Project coordinated an introductory training for city officials before enforcement of the Act began, but more extensive training and guidance will be necessary to ensure speedy resolution of any challenging non-compliance cases and support the initial implementation of an RRP enforcement policy. We anticipate that this training and technical assistance will include expertise from the RIMLP and DOH who will assist with the training. *Timeframe: Technical assistance and training will be offered on an ongoing basis throughout the project period.*

These objectives are aligned with two environmental statutes. By training contractors and other home renovators on practices that control the release of lead-contaminated dust into the environment, our project supports the Clean Air Act's aim to prevent and control air pollution [Section 103(b)(3)]. Additionally, the Toxic Substances Control Act's focus on public education and training on toxic substances [Section 10(a)] is reflected in the outreach, education, training, and technical assistance measures described in the objectives above.

**Project Evaluation:** Our evaluation of the Lead-Safe Central Falls project will identify necessary changes to be incorporated on an ongoing basis, and to demonstrate how stated goals were met and which lessons were learned through outcome measurement. Our outcome evaluation is described in the following table. In each EPA report, we will report on our progress toward our outcomes and indicate which outcomes have been met and to what degree. Once the project has ended, we will gather all available data and perform a final evaluation. Evaluation results will be presented in our final report, which will be made available to all stakeholders and other interested organizations.

Short and Long Term Outcomes	Indicators
A reduced rate of childhood lead poisoning among Central Falls children	There is a measurable decrease in the rate of lead poisoning in Central Falls, evidenced by DOH lead poisoning data captured in the year following project completion. (City-level data will be obtained from DOH, analyzed, and compared against prior year data.)
Municipal and housing officials have a greater awareness of the RRP Rule and their monitoring and enforcement duties under the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act	Approximately 7 municipal and housing officials receive customized training and technical assistance from Project staff and experts on RRP and the Act. (Names of employees will be documented on training materials/sign-in sheets.)

Central Falls residents and stakeholders are engaged in collaborative efforts to improve the quality of housing in their community	At least 15 individuals concerned with the issue of childhood lead poisoning are engaged in stakeholder committee meetings and activities. (Sign-in sheets will capture names and numbers of meeting participants.)
Greater RRP Rule compliance among contractors and others working on pre-1978 homes and child-occupied facilities	The City of Central Falls' building department begins to require proof of RRP compliance before issuing a building permit for work to be performed on pre-1978 residences and child-occupied facilities. (Permit-related records, or summaries of records, will be requested from this department to demonstrate compliance.)
Central Falls residents and parents are knowledgeable about the methods for preventing lead poisoning at home and tenant rights	Approximately 90% of parents and residents engaged in house parties and presentations show increased knowledge about lead poisoning and available resources, as evidenced through pre- and post-testing.
Educators, health professionals, and other community leaders interfacing with parents understand their role in preventing lead poisoning and other environmental hazards at home	Approximately 90% of those attending lead poisoning prevention presentations express improved understanding of lead resources and a willingness to share that knowledge and information with Central Falls parents, as evidenced through verbal feedback given at the conclusion of presentations.

**Description of how the organization and its partners will work together during the year to address the local issue.**

**Rhode Island Medical-Legal Partnership:** RIMLP, a non-profit public interest law group, with significant experience working on the interface between housing and health, will provide technical assistance to the stakeholder group and to municipal officials on the legal requirements and responsibilities under the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act and RRP. The organization will also assist with the tenant rights component of the community presentations.

**Rhode Island Department of Health:** As the state agency that serves as the hub for all lead poisoning prevention activities in RI, DOH will provide technical information on lead exposure in Central Falls and assist with the training of municipal officials regarding lead laws and municipal responsibilities. DOH has also offered to assist the city in applying for a future HUD lead hazard control grant.

**Progreso Latino:** Progreso Latino is a multi-service, community based organization located in Central Falls. Their mission is to empower Rhode Island's Latino and immigrant communities to achieve greater self-sufficiency and socio-economic progress by providing transformational programs that support personal growth and social change. This organization has been an instrumental participant in our initial efforts to work with the city regarding implementation of the lead laws. For the proposed project, Progreso Latino will continue to provide leadership to our stakeholder committee, assist with finding appropriate venues for our lead prevention presentations and house parties, and help recruit parents and other participants to our committee.

**Blackstone Valley Community Action Program:** BVCAP is the anti-poverty agency serving Northern Rhode Island, which includes Central Falls. BVCAP's Lead Center provides non-medical case management to families with lead poisoned children. BVCAP's role in the Lead-Safe Central Falls project will be to become active participants in the stakeholder committee as well as recruit

parents to the committee and assist in identifying venues for our lead prevention presentations and house parties.

These partnerships will be cultivated and sustained through regular meetings and communications with each organization, and their vigorous participation in project activities and the stakeholder committee, as appropriate.

**V. Organizational Capacity and Programmatic Capability:** The Childhood Lead Action Project is the right group to be undertaking the initiative described in this proposal because we have a proven capacity, extensive experience leading lead prevention initiatives on the state and local level, and a long history of work in high-risk communities. Our experience is grounded in a grassroots approach to identifying and involving all sectors of the community, including citizens directly affected by this public health issue. The Project's accomplishments have earned us local and national awards, as previously described. We have successfully managed many federally funded projects, such as the one described in this proposal, through careful oversight and planning of project activities, partnering with organizations with extensive expertise in our area of focus, employing well trained staff with vast knowledge and experience in lead prevention, and utilizing sound fiscal and staff management and training practices. Our accomplishments are a testament to organizational capability and our commitment to this issue:

- Educating over 24,000 parents, immigrants and refugees, tenants, health workers, homeowners, and professionals in high-risk communities about lead dangers and resources.
- Coordinating lead hazard awareness campaigns in Providence, East Providence and other urban communities through presentations, door-to-door outreach, targeted mailings and lead-safe/healthy housing house parties
- Since 2004, training over 8,000 people on lead prevention and mitigation through in-person classes, and our online course. We were one of the first RI organizations to become EPA-certified to offer the RRP class and have trained an estimated 1,200 individuals since that time.
- Convincing the Providence Department of Inspection and Standards to agree to enforce the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act - the first municipality in the state to do so - contributing to a dramatic 25% drop in lead poisoning in the Capital City in 2013.
- Leading a successful multi-year organizing campaign in getting the DuPont Corporation to fulfill its agreement in releasing 1.5 million dollars for education, outreach and enforcement efforts.

Our staff's experience, level of diversity, and personal commitment to the lead issue is impressive, enabling us to successfully manage and implement the proposed project. The Childhood Lead Action Project is clearly representative of the communities we serve. Our staff and board are culturally and linguistically diverse, particularly our board (nearly one-half of its members are people of color). Our Executive Director, who will serve as this program's Project Director, has been a key leader in Rhode Island's lead prevention movement and has a 25-year track record of accomplishment leading public health initiatives. Laura Brion, who will serve as the Project Coordinator for this initiative, has seven years of experience with community outreach, coalition building, and advocacy with the Project. She has skillfully coordinated a number of grassroots lead prevention/advocacy initiatives supported by EPA grants.

The Childhood Lead Action Project has organizational procedures in place that will ensure quality assurance and sound fiscal oversight of this award. The Project Director will closely oversee the



Project Coordinator's work through regular supervision meetings and written work updates as needed. Project benchmarks will be reviewed by staff monthly, and, on a quarterly basis, the project will be evaluated for adherence to the proposed plan and outcome achievement. Reports required by the EPA will be prepared with - and reviewed by - the parties involved in project delivery. Additionally, our organization has sound internal controls to govern the management of Project funds (for example, multiple signatures required for large checks, time sheets and expense reimbursements initialed by the Executive Director, and separate cost centers for each grant). A CPA firm prepares monthly and annual financial statements and 990, which are all reviewed by our board of directors. We also seek the lowest reasonable price on all purchases.

Within the past five years, the Project has completed at least five federally funded assistance agreements. All reporting requirements were met for each of these awards, and all awards were expended completely and within the federal guidelines for appropriate management of federal funds. These awards were:

1. Up to Code Campaign (HC- 96125701) Healthy Communities Grant Program  
August 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011 Point of Contact: Sandra Brownell
2. Up to Code Campaign (HC-96146301) Healthy Communities Grant Program  
August 1, 2011 – July 31, 2013 Point of Contact: Sandra Brownell
3. Lead Hazard Control Program, City of Providence  
February 1, 2012 – August 31, 2014 Point of Contact: Nelson Rodriques
4. LeadSafe Homes Program, RI Housing  
May 1, 2011 - February 28, 2014 Point of Contact: Russell Johnson
5. Lead Poisoning Low-Literacy Training Initiative - Healthy People 2020  
December 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012 Point of Contact: Jodie Albert - John Snow, Incorporated (JSI)

**VI. Qualifications of the Project Manager (PM):** Roberta Hazen Aaronson, longtime Executive Director and founder of the Childhood Lead Action Project, will be the Project Manager for the Lead-Safe Central Falls Project. Her role will be to direct and evaluate the proposed project. Hazen Aaronson has coordinated grassroots public health initiatives for over 25 years and is widely recognized as a major lead poisoning prevention leader in Rhode Island. She is often called on to chair important statewide initiatives, and is frequently sought as a presenter at local and national conferences. Hazen Aaronson is the recipient of multiple state and national awards; in 2013 she was nominated by the director of the RI Department of Health for the 2013 White House's Champions of Change for Public Health and Prevention Award. In her role as Executive Director, she has developed and overseen community-based lead prevention and organizing projects in Central Falls since 2012, leading to the municipality agreeing to comply with the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act in April 2014.

## **VII. Past Performance in Reporting on Outputs and Outcomes**

### **1. Up to Code Campaign** (HC-96146301) Healthy Communities Grant Program August 1, 2011 – July 31, 2013

This \$15,000 grant was an Assistance Amendment to a previous award to extend our efforts to improve housing conditions for children in Providence, RI by increasing compliance with lead certification requirements, lead-safe work practices and creating a more effective and coordinated enforcement system in Providence. The quarterly reports and final reports were completed in a timely manner. Point of Contact: Sandra Brownell

2. Lead Hazard Control Program, City of Providence February 1, 2012 – August 31, 2014

The City of Providence awarded the Project \$256,968 for community outreach, contractor training, enrollment of property owners and healthy housing visits to property owners and tenants enrolled in the program. The quarterly reports required for this grant have been completed in a timely manner. Point of Contact: Nelson Rodrigues, John Eastman

3. LeadSafe Homes Program, RI Housing

May 1, 2011 to February 28, 2014

Rhode Island Housing subcontracted with the Project (\$90,000) on this HUD funded Lead Hazard Control grant to provide outreach, education and training services to communities outside of Providence. The quarterly reports required for this grant were completed in a timely manner.

Point of Contact: Russell Johnson

4. Lead Poisoning Low-Literacy Training Initiative - Healthy People 2020

December 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012

Healthy People 2020 (Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion) provided \$10,000 in grant funding to reduce lead exposure in urban immigrant, refugee, and other high-risk populations through the use of a low-literacy lead prevention pictorial booklet.

5. Community Lead Poisoning Prevention Initiative (HC-96197501) EPA Healthy Communities Grant Program

10/1/2014 – 9/30/2015

The EPA Healthy Communities Grant Program is providing \$25,000 in funds for work that is ensuring that two communities at high-risk for lead poisoning (Pawtucket and East Providence) are in full compliance with lead safety laws and regulations designed to address these issues. The quarterly reports will be completed in a timely manner, with the first one due by January 31, 2015.

Point of Contact: Sandra Brownell

**VIII. Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Information:** We anticipate that this project will involve only the use of existing environmental data and not the collection of new data. Based on our answers to the QAPP checklist, we are not required to develop a QAPP for this project.



Expenditures	Total Project Budget
1. Personnel	
0.49 FTE, Project Coordinator (annual salary \$35,000) - 17 hours per week x 52 weeks @ \$19.23/hour)	16,999
0.06 FTE, Project Director (annual salary \$50,000) - 2 hours per week x 52 weeks @ \$33.88/hour)	3,524
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>20,523</b>
2. Fringe Benefits and Payroll Taxes for Personnel at 20% of salary (includes medical, dental, disability)	
0.49 FTE, Project Coordinator	3,400
0.06 FTE, Project Director	705
<b>Total Fringe Benefits</b>	<b>4,105</b>
3. Travel	
Local Travel @ \$.56/mile for partner meetings and outreach activities	874
Grantee Meeting in Washington, DC (travel for 1 person, one night hotel @ \$220 per night, flight at \$300, ground transportation)	600
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>1,474</b>
4. Equipment	0
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>0</b>
5. Supplies	
Program Supplies - 4 sets of house party cleaning and education supplies at \$75 per party; house party host stipends at \$50 per party; miscellaneous supplies for outreach, training, and recruitment efforts	847
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>847</b>
6. Other Expenses	
Printing and Postage - for outreach and education mailings, printed materials for training sessions	1,000
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>1,000</b>
7. Contractual	0
8. Indirect (@ 10% of salary)	2,052
<b>Total Indirect</b>	<b>2,052</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET</b>	<b>30,000</b>

Roberta Hazen Aaronson

(k)(6)

### **Executive Management Experience**

Founding Executive Director, ***Childhood Lead Action Project***. (1992 to 1994; 1996 to present)  
Statewide organization working to eliminate lead poisoning through education, advocacy and parent support in RI. Responsible for the overall management of the organization, fund development, program development and board relations. In this capacity, I served on the Housing Resources Commission and formally chaired its Office on Program, Planning and Evaluation; served on the Attorney General's Lead Paint Commission and chaired its education/training/outreach committee and formally chaired the strategic planning committee that developed the 4 year plan to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in RI.

Interim Executive Director, ***Rhode Island Women's Health Collective***. Provided part time program and staff oversight during transitional period; coordinated special event and led search efforts to hire new executive director. (1995-1996)

Interim Director, ***Women's Center***, University of Mass/Dartmouth. Directed planning and evaluation effort; provided training/supervision of student volunteers and led job search for new director. (January to July 1988)

### **Consulting/Training**

Established ***Grassroots Initiatives*** (1991 to present), providing training and consultation to community-based organizations on organizational development, executive coaching, program design, fund development, evaluation, marketing, outreach and organizing/advocacy. Recent clients include: **grantees of the RI Department of Health's PANT (physical activity, nutrition and tobacco) Program ;Center for Refugee Advocacy and Support; Environmental Justice League of RI; FairVote RI; The Blessing Way; Guatemalan American Association of Rhode Island; Providence Assembly of God; East Bay Community Action Program – Head Start; and Rhode Island Public Housing Tenants Association**

### **Teaching**

**Professor of Social Work**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Coordinated Social Service Program; taught social work and women's studies courses. (1976 - 2002)

**Field Instructor**, School of Social Work, Rhode Island College. Provide field supervision to social work students engaged in community organizing internships.

### **Community Service**

**Member of the Board of Directors**, Housing Action Coalition – 2006 to 2013

**Member of the Board of Directors**, Fund for Community Progress – 2000 on; chair of new members committee – 2008 on

**Precinct Coordinator**, Ward 9, District 3 Coordinated Political Campaign – 2002

**Coordinator, Get out the Vote** efforts in low-income districts in Providence, Myrth York's 1998 campaign for Governor.

**Rhode Island Women's Health Collective**, Providence, Co-chair – 1986-1991; member of steering, fundraising, 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary and nominating committees; chair of maternal and child health committee –1988-1993; Chair of Fiesta! a multicultural celebration of women's performing arts – 1996.

Member of **diversity committee** and **chair** of recruitment committee, Moses Brown School, 1994 – 1995.

**Chair of diversity committee**, Parent Association – Henry Barnard School, 1991-1994.

### **Awards**

Lifetime achievement award, Ocean State Action - 2008

Award for work on eliminating childhood lead poisoning, RI Department of Health – 2007

Voice for the Voiceless Award, Fund For Community Progress - 2006

Rhode Island Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition, Community Service Award – 2006

Lifetime Achievement Award – Breakfast for Champions Earth Day – 2005

Rhode Island Parents for Progress Achievement Award - 2002

Environmental Merit Award, EPA, April 2000

KIDS COUNT Award, for providing leadership on the issue of childhood lead poisoning, 1999

Social Worker of the Year Award for Health, National Association of Social Workers/RI, 1992

Leadership Award, Greater Elmwood Neighborhood Services, 1991

### **Education**

M.S.W. (Master of Social Work), University of Minnesota

Specialized in community organizing, program development and social policy

B.A., Sociology, University of Rhode Island

### **Publications**

The Strike of '28, Spinner Publications, 1993 (co-authored)

*Grassroots Strategies for Promoting Maternal and Infant Health*, Birth 18:2 June 1991.

Childbirth Choices in Rhode Island: A Guide for the Childbearing Year, 1990 (co-authored)



# Laura Brion

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Community Organizer, Childhood Lead Action Project, Providence, RI**

Responsibilities: identifying, recruiting, training, and motivating citizen activists; providing moral support and technical assistance to parents, tenants, and homeowners; identifying and engaging local officials, community leaders, and community organizations in advocacy work; developing and implementing campaign strategy; lobbying city, state, and federal officials; meeting facilitation; media outreach (press conference planning, public speaking, writing); basic policy research and analysis; designing and delivering educational presentations; intern project development, training, and supervision; website updates, social media, and basic office tech support.

*March 2008-present.*

### **Program Associate, Rhode Island Public Interest Research Group**

Responsibilities: coalition building, research, public speaking, media outreach, citizen outreach, writing and editing (newsletters, press releases, fact sheets, website materials, etc.), developing political strategy and tactics, neighborhood fundraising, volunteer training, lobbying. Focus: environmental pollution, consumer product safety.

*August 2007-February 2008.*

### **Legislative Intern, Environment Rhode Island**

Responsibilities: coalition building, research, writing and editing press releases, coalition partner updates, bill tracking.

*January 2007-June 2007.*

### **Music Director, Church of the Epiphany, East Providence, RI**

Responsibilities: Youth and adult choir direction, instrumental and ensemble direction, organ and piano performance, music selection, liturgy planning, contribution of newsletter articles.

*September 2004-August 2007.*

## EDUCATION

### **Bachelor of Arts, Brown University, (k)(6)**

Dual concentrations in public policy (focus: environmental policy) and music.

### **Midwest Academy, (k)(6)**

Five-day training: Organizing for Social Change.

## AWARDS

### **Dennis Livingston Award for Exceptional Organizing**

*Presented by the National Safe and Healthy Housing Coalition on May 29, 2014, Nashville, TN*

**Performance Measures/Milestones**  
**Project Title: *Lead-Safe Central Falls***

Resources/ Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short-term Outcomes	Long-term Outcomes	Progress indicators, data sources, and data collection methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project Coordinator staff time</li> <li>- Project Manager staff time</li> <li>- Central Falls community volunteers and stakeholders</li> <li>- Partner organizations: RI Medical-Legal Partnership (RIMLP) Blackstone Valley Community Action Program (BVCAP), RI Department of Health (DOH), Progreso Latino</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recruit Central Falls residents, concerned community members, and stakeholders to expand the project committee, provide training on lead and healthy housing issues, and hold initial group planning meetings to identify community needs and priorities</li> <li>- Hold monthly meetings of the project committee, further develop the community change strategy, engage members in activities planned and led by the group, and continue to offer training to members on healthy housing topics as needed</li> <li>- Outreach conducted with residents to identify lead-safe healthy housing party hosts</li> <li>- Outreach conducted with churches, early childhood providers, health organizations, and other CBOs to schedule healthy housing community presentations</li> <li>- Build collaborative relationships with City of Central Falls building and code officials, and provide training on</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stakeholders and community volunteers are recruited for and participate in the project committee</li> <li>- Lead-safe healthy housing parties are organized (4 in total for the year)</li> <li>- Healthy housing and tenant rights community presentations are coordinated (7 total for the year)</li> <li>- Tables at community events are staffed (2 total for the year)</li> <li>- Central Falls Code Enforcement officials are trained on the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act requirements, have</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central Falls residents and stakeholders are engaged in collaborative efforts to improve the quality of housing in their community</li> <li>- Central Falls residents and parents are knowledgeable about the methods for preventing lead poisoning at home and tenant rights</li> <li>- Educators, health professionals, and other community leaders interfacing with parents understand their role in preventing lead poisoning and other environmental hazards at home</li> <li>- Local officials have a greater awareness of the RRP Rule and their monitoring and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy changes implemented at the city level that ensure rental housing is lead-safe</li> <li>- Greater RRP Rule compliance among contractors and others working on pre-1978 homes and child-occupied facilities</li> <li>- A reduced rate of childhood lead poisoning among Central Falls children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At least 15 individuals concerned with the issue of childhood lead poisoning are engaged in stakeholder committee meetings and activities. (Sign-in sheets will capture names and numbers of meeting participants.)</li> <li>- Approximately 90% of parents and residents engaged in house parties and presentations show increased knowledge about lead poisoning and available resources, as evidenced through pre- and post-testing.</li> <li>- Approximately 90% of those attending lead poisoning prevention presentations express improved understanding of lead resources and a willingness to share that knowledge and information with Central Falls parents, as evidenced through verbal feedback given at the conclusion of presentations.</li> <li>- Approximately 7 municipal and housing officials receive customized training and technical</li> </ul>



**Performance Measures/Milestones**  
**Project Title: *Lead-Safe Central Falls***

Resources/ Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short-term Outcomes	Long-term Outcomes	Progress indicators, data sources, and data collection methods
	<p>the implementation of the Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide ongoing training and technical assistance regarding the RRP Rule to Central Falls building and code officials, and engage them in meetings to follow up on their progress in gaining RRP compliance from contractors</li> <li>- Train contractors and other home renovation specialists on lead-safe work practices (RRP)</li> <li>- Monitor incidence and outcomes of lead and other code violations in Central Falls, and track permits granted to and lead certifications completed by contractors working in that city</li> </ul>	<p>effective policies and procedures in place to enforce the Act, and cite and enforce cases of lead and code violations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Renovation and repair specialists working on pre-1978 residences in Central Falls are trained on the RRP Rule (1 RRP training delivered)</li> </ul>	<p>enforcement duties under the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act</p>		<p>assistance from Project staff and experts on RRP and the Act. (Names of employees will be documented on training materials/sign-in sheets.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The City of Central Falls' building department begins to require proof of RRP compliance before issuing a building permit for work to be performed on pre-1978 residences and child-occupied facilities. (Permit-related records, or summaries of records, will be requested from Central Falls city officials to demonstrate compliance.)</li> <li>- There is a measurable decrease in the rate of lead poisoning in Central Falls, evidenced by DOH lead poisoning data captured in the year following project completion. (City-level data will be obtained from DOH, analyzed, and compared against prior year data.)</li> </ul>

**APPENDIX I**

**Office of Environmental Justice  
Quality Assurance Project Plan Requirement (QAPP)**

Check Yes or No for each of the items provided below as it applies to your specific project.

1. Your project will involve the collection of groundwater, soil, sediment, surface water, air, biota or fauna samples for chemical or biological analysis.

Yes ☐

No ☒

2. Your project will use existing computer databases containing analytical data or personal information previously collected.

Yes ☐

No ☒

3. Your project will use existing historical research pertaining to this project or proposal.

Yes ☐

No ☒

4. Your project will implement deed searches for current property or site.

Yes ☐

No ☒

5. Your project will conduct medical records search for the population covered in the grant.

Yes ☐

No ☒

6. Your project will compile meteorological data to determine weather trends or air mixing trends.

Yes ☐

No ☒

7. Your project will use existing statistical studies or will conduct these studies as part of the project.

Yes ☐

No ☒

8. Your project will create a new database based on the information gathered.

Yes ☐

No ☒

9. Your project will use this information for litigation purposes.

Yes ☐

No ☒

10. Your project will use this information to make recommendations on environmental decisions.

Yes ☐

No ☒

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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
G.P.O. BOX 1680  
BROOKLYN, NY 11202

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

MAY 14 1997

CHILDHOOD LEAD ACTION PROJECT  
421 RIMWOOD AVE  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02907-1766

Employer Identification Number:

(k)(6)

Case Number:

(k)(6)

Contact Person:

LORI WEBB

Contact Telephone Number:

(860) 253-2040

Our Letter Dated:

October 1992

Addendum Applies:

No

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

You are required to file Form 990 only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. For guidance in determining whether your gross receipts are "normally" more than \$25,000, see the instructions for Form 990. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$10 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$5,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete, so please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Letter 1050 (R)(CG)

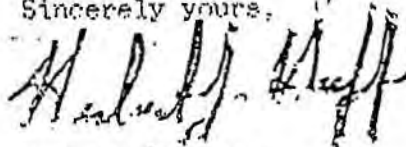


CHILDHOOD LEAD ACTION PROJECT

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Herbert J. Huff". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Herbert J. Huff  
District Director



Roberta Hazen Aaronson  
Childhood Lead Action Project  
1192 Westminster Street  
Providence, RI 02909

January 7, 2015

Dear Roberta:

Progreso Latino is pleased to offer a strong commitment to continue our partnership with the Childhood Lead Action Project by participating in Lead-Safe Central Falls. Progreso Latino, Inc. is a multi-service, non-profit, community based organization located in Central Falls, Rhode Island. Our mission is to empower Rhode Island's Latino and immigrant communities to achieve greater self-sufficiency and socio-economic progress by providing transformational programs that support personal growth and social change.

Our history of work together shows the close alignment of our goals and the mutual respect we have for each other's efforts. We know that you will invest the time and energy it takes to identify and train community partners who will work to educate friends, neighbors, and city officials about lead poisoning and ensure steady progress for a broader environmental justice effort. Through lead-safe house parties, stakeholder committee meetings, local trainings and other activities, we know that community partners will be empowered every step of the way, increasing community capacity to continue making progress on this and other environmental injustices into the future.

We are also enthusiastic to continue our partnership because the need for this campaign in our community is great. Sadly, Central Falls has one of the highest lead poisoning rates of any city or town in Rhode Island. Our poverty rate is also more than twice the state average, at 30.4 percent, and it is not a coincidence that these two issues occur at the same time.

We believe that all children in Central Falls and beyond should be able to grow up safe, happy, and healthy. For this project, one of our staff members will participate in stakeholder committee meetings, and we will help identify individuals and community groups who may be interested in hosting lead-safe house parties or community presentations. We will also continue to provide space for meetings and classrooms for community lead safety trainings, as needed.

In the coming year, we look forward to continuing to participate in all of these ways, and to working together to focus local attention on the issue of lead law compliance and ensure the critically-needed follow-through for our initial success. We urge EPA and all potential funders to support this program. Thank you for all that you and your staff do.

Sincerely,

Mario Bueno  
Executive Director

526 Broad Street, Central Falls, RI 02863, 401.728.5920 x 345



January 5, 2015

Roberta Hazen Aaronson  
Childhood Lead Action Project  
1192 Westminster Street  
Providence, RI 02909



Department of Health

Three Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02908-5097

TTY: 711  
[www.health.ri.gov](http://www.health.ri.gov)

Dear Roberta,

I am pleased to offer this letter of commitment to continue our collaboration to reduce children's exposure to lead. EPA's Environmental Justice Small Grants program provides an opportunity to fund our joint strategy of reducing exposures through community education and improving compliance with lead safety regulatory requirements for renovation contractors and rental property owners.

This opportunity comes at a time when the City of Providence has demonstrated that taking a more aggressive enforcement stance on lead regulations can have immediate impacts. With over 100 fewer new Providence cases of lead poisoning in just one year, we have reason to believe that similar impacts can be obtained in Central Falls and other Rhode Island municipalities. Continued progress requires our continued partnership to train municipal officials and change their perspective on the importance of lead poisoning prevention activities.

Our Healthy Homes and Environment Team can provide technical assistance, especially with respect to tracking and mapping lead screening results. Our ability to link lead screening levels with school performance now gives municipal officials data specific to their schools on the educational impacts and costs of lead exposure. Our data can be used to prioritize enforcement activities given very limited municipal resources. Thus, the effectiveness of the municipal official that you train can be focused on the homes responsible for the greatest lead exposures.

As municipal budgets become more and more constrained, ironically, they have less ability to apply for HUD lead grants and other significant sources of revenue that could assist with their lead problems. Perhaps these Environmental Justice Small Grants grant activities will boost municipal capacity to accept the RI Department of Health's offer of technical assistance to obtain these grants.

Thank you for all your organization does to keep RI children safe from lead exposure.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Cassani-Brandt  
Lead Program Manager  
Healthy Homes and Environment Team  
[Bonnie.cassanibrandt@health.ri.gov](mailto:Bonnie.cassanibrandt@health.ri.gov)  
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School, Brown University**

January 7, 2015

Dear Ms. Aaronson,

On behalf of the Rhode Island Medical-Legal Partnership (RIMLP), I would like to offer our commitment to support *Lead-Safe Central Falls*. For over 20 years, the Childhood Lead Action Project has encouraged systemic change in how our state and municipal agencies address, remediate, and minimize the effects of toxic lead poisoning, while also coordinating educational campaigns aimed at informing homeowners, tenants, and families about lead poisoning prevention.

The Rhode Island Medical-Legal Partnership (RIMLP) is excited once again to participate as a partner with the Childhood Lead Action Project. Our mutually aligned interest in addressing environmental stressors adversely affecting children's health make us ideal partners as we work towards meeting our mission of ensuring lead-safe homes for Rhode Island's children.

The RIMLP is a collaboration of the Rhode Island Center for Law and Public Policy, Hasbro Children's Hospital, Roger Williams University School of Law, and the Warren E. Alpert Medical School at Brown University. Our program aims to improve the health and well-being of low-income children and their families by partnering legal services and health care providers together to address the social determinants of health that contribute to childhood illness. Attorneys work on site at Hasbro Children's Hospital, providing direct legal services to individual clients referred by the Pediatric and Lead Clinic doctors. Through this arrangement, the partners are able to effectuate a more comprehensive healthcare delivery model that promotes the health of children while working to preserve and protect the legal rights of families, especially in area of housing safety.

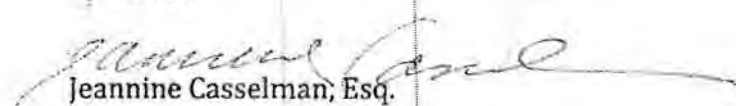
In the last four years, the Rhode Island Medical-Legal Partnership has developed expertise to specifically address lead hazards and other housing code violations. The RIMLP has actively used the Rhode Island Lead Hazard Mitigation Act (LHMA) to compel landlords to comply with Lead-Safe Certificate and Certificate of Conformance requirements. The RIMLP is the only legal organization aggressively using the LHMA to address landlord lead law noncompliance. Additionally, RIMLP works actively with Childhood Lead Action Project to provide assistance to local municipalities with questions related to the

Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule (RRP) and to advocate for statewide compliance with RRP regulations.

The Rhode Island Medical-Legal Partnership will support the Childhood Lead Action Project's *Lead-Safe Central Falls* by providing legal education and guidance pertaining to federal and state lead regulations to Childhood Lead Action Project staff and community members. The RIMLP will actively participate in planning sessions and trainings organized by the Childhood Lead Action Project.

As a partner in *Lead-Safe Central Falls*, we have a unique opportunity to work collaboratively to end the environmental injustice of lead poisoning in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Medical-Legal Partnership is proud to support the work of the Childhood Lead Action Project.

Sincerely,



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Re: Letter of Commitment to Partner with Childhood Lead Action Project

To Whom It May Concern:

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program (BVCAP) is pleased to partner with the Childhood Lead Action Project (Project) to support their application to EPA's Environmental Justice Small Grants Program.

Since 1965, BVCAP has been assisting low-income individuals and families and empowering them to become strong self-reliant citizens through a wide range of social programs. Over 13,000 households in Pawtucket, Central Falls, and the surrounding area are helped by BVCAP each year. Services include childhood lead poisoning case management conducted by our Lead Center, youth and teen parenting programs, educational and job readiness programs, provision of basic needs, energy and weatherization assistance, housing development and housing assistance, education and counseling, senior services and social services.

To further enhance the partnership between BVCAP and the Childhood Lead Action Project, BVCAP agrees to:

- Participate in Lead-Safe Central Falls Stakeholder Committee meetings
- Refer clients interested in stakeholder committee meetings or lead-safe house parties to the Childhood Lead Action Project
- Provide wraparound services to families referred by the Childhood Lead Action Project who reside in BVCAP's catchment area
- Collaborate on potential cross-training opportunities between the two agencies
- Attend training sessions to be held with municipal officials
- Facilitate connections between the Childhood Lead Action Project and additional community groups interested in providing a venue for lead poisoning prevention presentations

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Vincent Ceglie  
Executive Director